

HELENA OPEN LANDS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

February 12, 2013

Room 326, City-County Building
5:37 P.M.

Mary Arnold called the meeting to order. A quorum was present: Jane Kollmeyer, Corey Baker, Lois Olsen, Scott Mincemoyer (HCC), Clint Morrison, Brad Langsather, Greta Dige

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The January 8, 2013, minutes were approved as presented.

ACTION - none

REPORTS

Parks and Recreation Natural Resource Coordinator:

Brad reported the city received a Saddle Drive trail grant of only \$27,000 from Fish, Wildlife, and Parks recreation trails grants. Open lands will have to pick up the difference of the \$60,000 requested, though it was suggested the city apply again. Brad announced Corey Baker will be the new trails coordinator with PPLT and will be working with Andy Baur on a formalized agreement between the city and PPLT. Corey noted he would resign from HOLMAC since he would be attending meetings as a PPLT representative. Brad presented the 2013 work plan and discussed some of its main points. He noted a sign inventory will be created and maintained as an ongoing process. There will also be a trail condition process. Corey will work on the south hills plan update. Brad also noted more focus will be on the recreation trail grant toward a restroom on Mount Helena and the adopt-a-trail program. He met with the Helena police at the Donaldson barn and discussed future uses that include alcohol events.

Jane reported her experience discovering the egregious trespass on city open lands in the Westridge Subdivision. There was extensive discussion of the other recent trespasses on city open lands with house construction on the west and east sides of town and whose responsibility it is to keep track of the building. After discussion about ways to handle these trespass issues, **Lois moved and Scott seconded a motion to accept Greta's suggestion to take a proposal to engineering that trespass on city parkland be part of the contractor training engineering will be conducted. Motion carried unanimously. Corey moved and**

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Lois seconded a motion that Helena Open Lands Advisory Committee approach the city commission regarding their concern about the violations that are occurring along the borders between private and public land for which they (HOLMAC) are responsible. There was discussion about the lack of specific guidance on how to handle the trespasses, the inability to follow through in stopping them, and their extent. Mary offered to draft a letter to the commission and circulate it to the committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Weeds: none

Trails: none

Cultural Resources: none

Wildlife: none

Forestry: none

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

NEXT MEETING DATE: March 12, 2013 (open house)

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: open house

Carol Kirkland
Recorder